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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REACTION TO NORTH KOREAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFSHORE
MILITARY ZONE

1. IN RESPONSE TO NORTH KOREAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW "MILITARY
SEA BOUNDARY," CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SONODA STATED THAT
PYONGYANG'S ACTION WAS "UNACCEPTABLE UNDER INTERNATIONAL
LAW." FONOFF SPOKESMEN HAVE REITERATED SIMILAR LINE TO
JAPANESE PRESS. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, MAINICHI EXPRESSED
"PERPLEXITY" OVER NORTH KOREAN MOTIVES IN LIGHT OF THEIR
RELATIVELY CALM RESPONSE TO HELICOPTER INCIDENT, WHILE
YOMIURI CHARACTERIZED ANNOUNCEMENT AS "DISTRESSING ACTION
WHICH MIGHT INCREASE TENSIONS."

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 3, FONOFF NE ASIA
DEPDIR NAWASHIMA STATED THAT UNLIKE EARLIER ESTABLISHMENT
OF 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, NORTH KOREAN ANNOUNCEMENT
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OF "MILITARY SEA BOUNDARY" WOULD NOT HAVE DIRECT
AND IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON JAPAN. KAWASHIMA NOTED THAT
TO BEST OF GO'S KNOWLEDGE, ALL JAPANESE FISHING
BOATS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM NORTH KOREAN WATERS.
CONSEQUENTLY, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS MOST
RECENT MOVE BY PYONGYANG WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY
INCREASE PRESSURE ON JAPAN TO REACH FISHING

AGREEMENT WITH DPRK.

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